

The Insider



Above, l-r: Anna Anderson and her husband, HAL director Dr. William Anderson, chat with Italian financier Alberto Colombano at the Juglaris exhibition opening. **Right:** A visitor with the Italian contingent takes in the work of Tommaso Juglaris at the exhibition opening at the Michigan Historical Museum.



taking in 50 Juglaris works, many of them never before exhibited on this side of the Atlantic. The works included the artist's sketches for the Muses, the design of a stained-glass window and a self portrait.

Tommaso Juglaris: A Capitol Artist will be in the museum's first-floor special exhibits gallery through January 9, 2005.

MHM, Friends, say *benvenuto*

The Michigan Historical Museum opened its first international exhibition, *Tommaso Juglaris: A Capitol Artist*, before an enthusiastic crowd on October 12, 2004.

The Columbus Day opening was fitting for the exhibition. Juglaris (pronounced you-GLAR-iss)—the artist who painted the Muses in the dome of the Michigan State Capitol—was born in Italy. Many of the artifacts seen in this exhibit are on loan from Famija Moncalereisa, a cultural organization in Juglaris's hometown, Moncalieri.

A contingent of eight people, representing Famija Moncalereisa, the city of Moncalieri and other interests, traveled from Italy to be part of the historic exhibition debut. In a pre-exhibit reception at the State Capitol, the Italian visitors were met by representatives of the Michigan organizations, including the Friends of Michigan History, that partnered to make the exhibit possible. Together, they studied the Juglaris Muses that have watched over millions of State Capitol visitors since 1886.

The festivities moved on to the Michigan Historical Museum for the main event—the opening of the Juglaris exhibition. A crowd of 200 people listened intently to Dr. Domenico Giacotto, president of Famija Moncalereisa; Dr. Geoffrey Drutchas, chair of the Juglaris Exhibition Commission; and Kerry Chartkoff, Capitol historian, as they discussed the cooperative efforts that culminated in the presentation of the exhibition. Visitors toured the gallery,

Enjoy an 1850s brunch in statehood style

The Michigan Historical Museum and the Friends of Michigan History invite you to a special celebration of Michigan Statehood.

The third annual Statehood Day Brunch and Silent Auction will be presented Sunday, January 23, 2005. The event marks Michigan's 168th anniversary of statehood and runs from 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. at the Michigan Historical Museum in downtown Lansing.

The brunch will feature fare of the 1850s, according to Jo Anne Arasim of the Michigan Historical Museum education staff.

"Every year, the statehood brunch will feature food from a different decade in Michigan's past," says Arasim. "The decade of the 1850s saw the progress of food processing and the introduction of transportation bringing new foods into the state."

The silent auction will feature donations from local individuals, small business and corporations. There are great deals to be

enjoyed by attendees but it all starts with the generous contributions of community supporters. If you are interested in donating a product, service or gift certificate to the silent auction, please telephone Tami Averill, curator of education, at (517) 241-4060 or send e-mail to averillt@michigan.gov.

Because of the exclusive nature of the statehood brunch and silent auction, the event is closed to the public and reservations are required. Full admission to the brunch and silent auction is \$40 per person. For admission to the silent auction only, the charge is \$10 per person. All proceeds benefit the Michigan Historical Museum's award-winning education programs.

Special tours and entertainment round out this one-of-a-kind event. Make your reservation now by telephoning Jo Anne Arasim at (517) 373-1905 or by sending e-mail to arasimj@michigan.gov.

Stay tuned to www.michiganhistory.org for a posting of the brunch menu and auction donors.

Give to others—and yourself!

The end of the year brings holiday gift-giving and thoughts of how to save taxes before year's end. A gift membership to the Friends of Michigan History fills the bill for both needs.

When you give a gift membership to a friend, relative or business associate, you are doing more than adding a name to a membership roll. You are giving that special someone a virtual sackful of Michigan history gifts that include publications, discounts, invitations and more!

And, of course, the Friends of Michigan History membership dues help the Friends help the Michigan Historical Center in its mission to interpret, promote and preserve our state's history.

Remember, too, that you receive tax benefits when you itemize on your IRS tax return. The Friends of Michigan History is a 501(c)(3) organization. Use the membership form on page 3 of *The Insider* or go online: www.michigan.gov/friendsofmichiganhistory.

Holiday Fun

at the
Michigan Historical Museum

November 19, 2004

Silver Bells in the City

Enjoy special evening hours at the Michigan Historical Museum as part of this downtown Lansing holiday season kickoff. Tour the museum galleries, enjoy holiday music and create seasonal crafts. 5:00 to 9:00 P.M.

Scout Workshops

The Michigan Historical Museum education staff has put together a series of workshops for Brownie and Junior Girl Scouts. These leaders of tomorrow are discovering Michigan history while earning their Try-Its and badges in a variety of subjects.

There is a program fee and preregistration is required. Each event includes lunch, the badge or Try-It and more! Please contact Tami Averill at (517) 241-4060, send e-mail to her at averillt@michigan.gov or visit online at www.michiganhistory.org.

For Brownies:

November 13
Brownie Boogie

January 15, 2005
Puppets, Dolls and Plays

March 12
Her Story

May 7
Let's Pretend

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December 4
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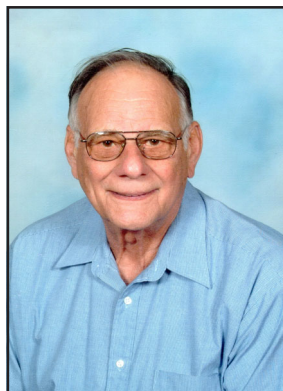
April 19
World Neighbors

Friends set to honor vets

As Veterans Day approaches, the Friends of Michigan History is putting the finishing touches on one of the group's most popular and inspiring events—the annual veterans tribute.

The 2004 Veterans Tribute begins at 2:00 P.M. on Sunday, November 7, at the Michigan Library and Historical Center in downtown Lansing. The event which recognizes the service of all men and women in the armed forces, this year features special guest Richard Thelen of Lansing.

In the summer of 1945, Thelen was an 18-year-old seaman second class serving in the Pacific aboard the USS *Indianapolis*. Shortly after midnight on July 30—just weeks before the end of World War II—the *Indianapolis* was hit by a torpedo from a Japanese submarine. The



Richard Thelen of Lansing, featured speaker at the Friends of Michigan History 2004 Veterans Tribute

ship sank in 12 minutes. The nearly 900 men who survived the sinking clung to anything that would float; most had no food or water. They faced four days of sharks and blistering sun in the Pacific, waiting for rescue.

Only 317 men survived the ordeal. Plan on attending the 2004 Veterans Tribute to hear Richard Thelen share his personal experiences of the U.S. Navy's worst disaster at sea during wartime.

The annual Veterans Tribute opens with the massing of the colors, a flag ceremony presented by military, veteran, scout, civic and other groups. For more information on the 2004 Veterans Tribute, contact Chris Dancisak at (517) 373-1668 or dancisakc@michigan.gov.

The 2004 Veterans Tribute is sponsored by the Friends of Michigan History and the Mid-Michigan Chapter of the Military Order of the World Wars.

The Michigan Historical Museum will be closed on the following dates:

HOLIDAY
CLOSINGS

Veterans Day
November 11, 2004

Thanksgiving
November 25 to 28, 2004

Christmas
December 23 to 26, 2004

New Year
December 30, 2004, to January 2, 2005

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 17, 2005

Presidents' Day
February 21, 2005

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Museum welcomes new curator

Phillip C. Kwiatkowski, director of the Michigan Historical Museum System, has named Eve Weipert as the museum system's first curator of collections and exhibits.

Weipert, a Michigan native, joined the museum staff on August 16. The position was created in response to reorganization at the Michigan Historical Museum in Lansing to improve efficiencies between the collections and exhibits units. Weipert will oversee and coordinate the efforts of seven staff.

"Eve brings a vast array of experience in exhibit development and collection care," says Kwiatkowski. "Her experience in overseeing the development of new collection storage space and new interactive exhibits will assist this museum in building on the strong foundation constructed by previous staff."

A museum professional for nearly 15 years, Weipert earned an M.A. in historical administration from Eastern Illinois University. She comes to the Michigan Historical Museum from High Point Museum and Historic Park in North Carolina.

"I am really happy to be here working with such a dedicated staff," Weipert says.

The museum's new curator of collections and exhibits enjoys hiking, camping and cross-stitch and is settling into her Lansing-area home with her cat Boots.



*Eve Weipert, new curator of
collections and exhibits for the
Michigan Historical Museum
System*

Accreditation Accolades



On September 23, 2004, the staff of the Michigan Historical Museum System gathered for an informal celebration of the recent system-wide accreditation by the American Museums Association. Steve K. Hamp (right), Michigan Historical Commission president and president of The Henry Ford, was on hand to add his congratulations to that of Michigan Historical Museum System director Phillip C. Kwiatkowski.